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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

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Sheer-Lane, Auguſt 16.

THERE has of late crept in among the downright *Engliſh* a mighty Spirit of Diſſimulation. But before we diſcourſe of this Vice, it will be neceſſary to obſerve, that the Learned make a Difference between Simulation and Diſſimulation. Simulation is a Pretence of what is not, and Diſſimulation a Concealment of what is. The latter is our preſent Affair. When you look round you in publick Places in this Iſland, you ſee the Generality of Mankind carry in their Countenance an Air of Challenge or Defiance: And there is no ſuch Man to be found among us who naturally ſtrives to do greater Honours and Civilities than he receives. This innate Sullenneſs or Stubborneſs of Complexion is hardly to be conquered by any of our Iſlanders. For which Reaſon, however they may pretend to chouſe one another, they make but very aukward Rogues; and their Diſlike to each other is ſeldom ſo well diſſembled, but it is ſuſpected. When once it is ſo, it had as good be profeſſed. A Man who diſſembles well, muſt have none of what we call Stomach, otherwiſe he will be cold in his Profeſſions of Good-Will where he hates; an Imperfection of the laſt ill Conſequence in Buſineſs. This Fierceneſs in our Natures is apparent from the Conduct of our young Fellows, who are not got into the Schemes and Arts of Life which the Children of this World walk by. One would think that of Courſe, when a Man of any Conſequence for his Figure, his Mien, or his Gravity, paſſes by a Youth, he ſhould certainly have the firſt Advances of Salutation; but he is, you may obſerve, treated in a quite different Manner; it being the very Characteriſtick of an *Engliſh* Temper to defy. As I am an *Engliſhman*, I find it a very hard Matter to bring my ſelf to pull off the Hat firſt; but it is the only Way to be upon any good Terms with thoſe we meet with: Therefore the firſt Advance is of high Moment. Men judge of others by themſelves; and he that will command with us, muſt condeſcend. It moves one's Spleen very agreeably to ſee Fellows pretend to be Diſſemblers without this Leſſon. They are ſo reſervedly complaiſant till they have learned to reſign their natural Paſſions, that all the Steps they make towards gaining thoſe whom they would be well with, are but ſo many Marks of what they really are, and not of what they would appear.

The rough *Britains*, when they pretend to be artful towards one another, are ridiculous enough; but when they ſet up for Vices they have not, and diſſemble their Good with an Affectation of Ill, they are inſupportable. I know Two Men in this Town who make as good Figures as any in it, that manage their Credit ſo well as to be thought Atheiſts, and yet ſay their Prayers Morning and Evening. *Tom Springly* t'other Day pretended to go to an Aſſignation with a married Woman at *Roſamond's-Pond*, and was ſeen ſoon after reading the Reſponſes with great Gravity at Six of Clock Prayers.

Sheer-Lane, Auguſt 17.

Tho' the following Epiſtle bears a juſt Accuſation of my ſelf, yet in regard it is a more advantagious Piece of Juſtice to another, I inſert it at large.

Garraway's Coffee-houſe, Auguſt 10.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*,

'I HAVE lately read your Paper, wherein you repreſent a Converſation between a young 'Lady, your Three Nephews, and your ſelf; and 'am not a little offended at the Figure you give 'your young Merchant in the Preſence of a Beauty. The Topick of Love is a Subject on which a 'Man is more beholden to Nature for his Elocquence, than to the Inſtruction of the Schools, or 'my Lady's Woman. From the Two latter, your 'Scholar and Page muſt have reaped all their Advantage above him---- I know by this Time you 'have pronounced me a Trader. I acknowledge 'it, but cannot bear the Excluſion from any Pretence of ſpeaking agreeably to a Fine Woman, 'or from any Degree of Generoſity that Way. 'You have among us Citizens many Well-wiſher, 'but it is for the Juſtice of your Repreſentation, 'which we, perhaps, are better Judges of than 'you (by the Account you give of your Nephew) 'ſeem to allow.

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'To give you an Opportunity of making us 'some Reparation, I desire you would tell your 'own Way the following Instance of Heroick Love 'in the City. You are to remember, that some-'where in your Writings, for enlarging the Terri-'tories of Virtue and Honour, you have multi-'plied the Opportunities of attaining to Heroick 'Virtue, and have hinted, that in whatever State 'of Life a Man is, if he does Things above 'what is ordinarily performed by Men of his 'Rank, he is in those Instances an Hero.

'*Tom Trueman*, a young Gentleman of Eighteen 'Years of Age, fell passionately in Love with the 'beauteous *Almira*, Daughter to his Master. Her 'Regard for him was no less tender. *Trueman* 'was better acquainted with his Master's Affairs 'than his Daughter, and secretly lamented, that 'each Day brought him by many Miscarriages 'nearer Bankrupcy than the former. This unhap-'py Posture of their Affairs the Youth suspected 'was owing to the ill Management of a Factor, in 'whom his Master had an entire Confidence. *True-'man* took a proper Occasion, when his Master was 'ruminating on his decaying Fortune, to address 'him for Leave to spend the Remainder of his 'Time with his Foreign Correspondent. During 'Three Years Stay in that Employment, he became 'acquainted with all that concerned his Master; 'and by his great Address in the Management of 'that Knowledge, saved him Ten Thousand 'Pounds. Soon after this Accident, *Trueman's* 'Unkle left him a considerable Estate. Upon re-'ceiving that Advice, he returned to *England*, and 'demanded *Almira* of her Father. The Father, over-'joy'd at the Match, offer'd him the 10000 *l.* he had 'saved him, with the further Propotal of resign-'ing to him all his Business. *Trueman* refused 'both, and retired into the Country with his 'Bride, contented with his own Fortune, though 'perfectly skill'd in all the Methods of improving 'it.

'It is to be noted, That *Trueman* refused Twen-'ty Thousand Pounds with another Young Lady; 'so that reckoning both his Self-Denials, he is to 'have in your Court the Merit of having gi-'ven 30000 *l.* for the Woman he loved. This 'Gentleman I claim your Justice to; and hope 'you will be convinced, that some of us have 'larger Views than only Cash Debtor, *per contra* 'Creditor.

'*Yours*,

Richard Traffick.

'*N. B.* Mr. *Thomas Trueman* of *Limestreet* is en-'ter'd among the Heroes of Domestick Life.

Cha. Lillie.

Advertisements.

Morning-Gowns for Men and Women, of Silk, Stuffs, and Callicoes (being the Goods of Persons that failed) which were to be disposed of at the Olive-Tree and Still, are now to be sold at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over against the Horse at Charing-Cross; with a fresh Parcel at very low Rates, the Price being set on each Gown.

THE famous Chymical Quintessence of Bohee-Tea and Chocolate together, the first of that kind ever made; in which are essentially inherent the true Vertues of both Tea and Nut, insomuch that a few Drops of it gives more Nourishment than 20 Dishes of either, and is therefore the highest Restorative in Decays of Nature, Consumptive Habits, inward Weakness, Wastings and Coughs, Asthma's, Poorness of Blood, &c. invigorating and strengthening Nature beyond all Food or Physick. Sold for 5 s. the Bottle, at Mr. Lawrence's Toyshop, at the Griffin, the Corner of Bucklersbury, Poultry.

SIR William Read, Her Majesty's Oculist, is now at his House in Durham-yard in the Strand, London, having several Persons of Quality and others to attend in Diseases relating to the Eyes; and has lately performed several remarkable Cures upon many that were blind from their Birth of Cataracts, and multitudes whose Sights were much despaired of, some by violent sharp Humours from the Small-Pox, and such like Accidents, that often produce great Inflammations, Albugoes, Unguloes, or Fistula Lachrymalis; in which Art, (after 35 Years Practice and great Experience both at Home and Abroad) he must be allowed to have made the greatest Improvement. Note, Sir William takes off all Sorts of Wens, and cures Wry-Necks and Hair-Lips without Blemish, tho' never so deformed; and allows no body to practise in his Name but his Lady, whom he has instructed.

*** There is just publish'd, Memoirs of the British Fleets and Squadrons in the Mediterranean, in 1708, and 1709. Wherein an Account is given of the Reduction of Sardinia, Minorca, the late Sieges of Port Mahon, Alicant, and Denia; with Descriptions of the most unfrequented Places touched by the Fleets; of the Court of Barcelona, their Majesties residing in it, and of our neighbouring Royal Allies their Majesties of Portugal. To which is annexed, a Cursory View of Naples, the Curiosities near Baiæ, and Cardinal Grimani's Reception of the Officers belonging to the British Fleet. Dedicated to the Right Hon. the Lord Orford. With a Map of the Mediterranean curiously engraved. By the Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Taubman, Chaplain in the Royal Navy. Printed for A. Collins at the Black Boy, and John Pemberton at the Buck and Sun, against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleetstreet. Price bound 3 s.

AT the Flint Glass-House in White-Fryars near the Temple, are made and sold by Wholesale or Retale, all Sorts of Decanters, Drinking-Glasses, Crewits, &c. or Glasses made to any Pattern, of the best Flint, at 12 d. per Pound; as also, all Sorts of common Drinking-Glasses, and other Things made in ordinary Flint Glass, at reasonable Rates.

BRandies to sell, at the Golden Anchor in Walbrook, the best old French Coigniac at 12 s. per Gallon, Bourdeaux at 11, Spanish for 6 and 7 s. by no less Quantity than a Gallon. There's likewise a small Parcel of Irish Usquebaugh of the best Sort, which will be sold reasonably, either in Part or Whole. There's constant Attendance given.

*** Pinacotheca Bettertonæana; or, A Catalogue of the Books, Prints, Drawings and Paintings, of Mr. Tho. Betterton, that celebrated Comedian, lately deceased: Which will be sold by Auction, at his late Lodgings in Russel-street in Covent-Garden, on Thursday the 24th Instant, beginning every Morning exactly at 10 a Clock, and will be daily continued at the first Hour till the Sale is ended.* Catalogues will be delivered next Monday at the following Coffee-houses, viz. St. James's near St. James's Palace, Mr. Ellar's at Westminster-Hall-gate, the Grecian at the Temple Back-gate, Nixon's in Fleetstreet, Squire's in Fuller's Rents, Holborn; St. Paul's near the West-End of St. Paul's Cathedral, Will's in Cornhil near the Royal-Exchange, and at the Place of Sale.

NOtice is given, That Mrs. Tillman's Sale of Plate and Rings near Grays-Inn Passage in Red-Lion-street, Holborn, will be drawn the 4th of September, it being almost full. 2500 Tickets, at 12 d. per Ticket, 13 Blanks to each Prize, highest 14 l. lowest 5 s. Tickets to be had at Mr. Benson's at the Golden Shuttle in the Old-Baily; Mrs. Mackereth's at the Lock and Key in Smithfield; Mr. Clifton's at the Dunghill Alehouse in King street, Westminster; Mr. Rawlins's Toy-shop in Carthusian-street near the Charter-house; Mr. Farran's, Goldsmith, at the Blue Periwig in Russel-street, Covent-Garden; Mrs. Emet's in Woodstock-Court near Charing-Cross; at Grays-Inn Coffee-house in Holborn, and at the Place above.

THE Brilliant Diamond Cross, a large Silver Coffee-Pot, and other Pieces of Plate, that was seen at Mrs. Marryat's, Milliner, in New-street near Fetter-lane, are to be drawn at the Rose in Holborn the 31st Instant. A few Tickets being left, they may be had at Mr. Marryat's, Shoemaker, at the White Hart in the Poultry; at Mrs. Davis's, a Milliner, in the Strand, near Hungerford-Market; at White's Coffee-house on Richmond Green; at Mr. Quarinton's at the Angel and Crown on the Paved Stones in Smithfield, and at the Place aboveſaid.

THE famous Cholick Water, so often published in the Gazette, well known throughout the Kingdom of Great Britain, for its speedy Relief in Cases of Wind in the Stomach; Wind Cholick, Vapours of both Kinds, Stitches, Pains in the Sides, Vomiting or Looseness, and all other Indispositions and Weakness of Stomach and Bowels, immediately digesting any Thing that offends; is continued to be sold (as it hath been these 10 Years) at Old-mans Coffee-house at Charing-cross, Richard's at Temple-bar, Alice's at the Parliament-House, and at Mr. Clark's Stationer in Burchin-lane, at 2 s. 6 d. a Bottle. 'Tis not purging but a rich Cordial, pleasant to take at any Time.

PErfect Cure for the Asthma by an Elixir, (a pleasant and innocent Medicine) to be taken in Drops, which has done Wonders in that Case; but the Author's saying so being not so convincing as trying it will be, he desires you would for your own Sakes, when, if it does no Good, can do no Harm to the Body, nor much to the Purse, in laying out 3 s. 6 d. which is the Price of a Bottle. To be had only at Mr. Lawrence's, a Toyshop at the Griffin the Corner of Bucklersbury, Poultry.

Sold by *John Morphew* near *Stationers-Hall*; where Advertisements are taken in.